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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Lourenço Marquez—No plague at Inhambane—Plague increasing at Durban.

Consul Hollis reports, February 9, as follows: The man who was supposed to be ill with the plague at Inhambane is now out of danger, and no further cases of a similar nature have developed at the said port. Inhambane can now be considered as a clean port as far as plague is concerned.

In Durban plague seems to be increasing, but the authorities at this port have not yet declared a quarantine against vessels coming from Durban.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, February 18, as follows: During the week ended February 14, 1903, ten vessels were inspected, 684 crew and 141 steerage passengers were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 887 pieces of baggage disinfected; 1 rejection for failure of disinfection. During February 30 cases of bristles and 260 cases of feathers have been inspected, to be shipped after thirty days. Two cases and 2 deaths from plague, 5 cases and 2 deaths from smallpox (all Chinese), and 1 case of enteric fever (European) occurred during the week.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, March 18, 1903, as follows: Week ended March 14, 1903, 11 deaths. Causes: Malaria, 2; pernicious fever, 2; tuberculosis, 2; other causes, 5.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.